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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, PINT, AF  
SUBJ: REPORTED RESIGNATIONS OF FIVE AFGHAN CABINET MEMBERS,  
INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: KABUL 7862

1. A RELIABLE DIPLOMATIC SOURCE INFORMED ME NOVEMBER 11  
THAT HE HAD JUST COME FROM VISITING MINISTER-IN-CHARGE  
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS WAHEED ABDULLAH AT HOME. THE  
FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD LET IT BE KNOWN SINCE NOVEMBER 7  
THAT ABDULLAH WAS HOME SICK WITH HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE,  
AND MY SOURCE HAD DONE WHAT MANY AFGHANS DO ON THE  
FRIDAY SABBATH AND VISITED A SICK MAN AT HOME.

2. MY SOURCE TELLS ME THAT HE FOUND ABDULLAH NOT AT  
ALL SICK. ON THE CONTRARY, ABDULLAH SAID THAT HE WAS  
HOME BECAUSE HE AND FOUR OTHER CABINET MEMBERS HAD  
SUBMITTED THEIR RESIGNATIONS TO PRESIDENT DAOUD  
ON A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE INVOLVING THE RECENT  
APPOINTMENTS TO THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF THE  
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PARTY OF THE NATIONAL REVOLUTION (PNR) (REFTEL).  
ABDULLAH SAID THE OTHER MINISTERS WERE AZIZULLAH  
WASSIFI OF AGRICULTURE, DR. ABDULLAH OMAR OF  
PUBLIC HEALTH, PROF WAFIULLAH SAMAYEE OF JUSTICE,  
AND ONE OTHER WHOSE NAME MY SOURCE COULD NOT  
RECALL. ABDULLAH SAID THAT DAOUD HAD NOT YET  
ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATIONS. HE SAID IT IS A

MAJOR CRISIS AND TOLD MY SOURCE HE WANTED THE  
IRANIAN AMBASSADOR AND ME INFORMED AND HAD NO

OBJECTION IF OTHER AMBASSADORS WERE TOLD. HE  
GAVE NO HINT AS TO THE EXACT NATURE OF THE MATTER  
OF PRINCIPLE. AS OTHER VISITORS WERE COMING IN,  
MY SOURCE WAS ABLE ONLY TO GET ONE FURTHER COMMENT  
FROM ABDULLAH TO THE EFFECT THAT HE AGREED THAT  
GENERAL HAIDER RASULI, MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND  
ONE MEMBER OF THE PNR CENTRAL COUNCIL, IS A GOOD  
MAN.

4. MY SOURCE ASKED THAT HIS NAME NOT BE REVEALED  
AND THAT THIS MATTER BE HELD MOST CLOSELY. HE  
SAID HIS ONLY COMMENT TO ABDULLAH WAS THAT HIS,  
ABDULLAH'S, RELATIONSHIP WITH DAOUD IS SO CLOSE  
THAT SURELY THIS MATTER CAN BE RESOLVED.

5. COMMENT: GIVEN THE CLOSE, ALMOST FATHER-  
SON RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DAOUD AND ABDULLAH,  
THIS IS CERTAINLY A STARTLING DEVELOPMENT.  
THE FACT THAT ABDULLAH HAS DECIDED TO TELL  
THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS ABOUT IT MAY WIDEN THE  
BREACH. UNTIL WE KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT THE  
ISSUE IS, IT IS HARD TO SPECULATE ON THE OUT-  
COME. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ABDULLAH AND HIS  
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FRIENDS HAVE OBJECTED TO THE INCLUSION OF  
MINISTER OF FINANCE ABDULILAH OR, MORE LIKELY,  
OF FRONTIERS MINISTER ABDUL KAYUM TO THE PNR  
CENTRAL COUNCIL, OR THE EXCLUSION OF THEMSELVES  
OR OF NEW, MORE DYNAMIC MEN. OR THE ISSUE MAY  
BE MORE FUNDAMENTAL. OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF  
ABDULLAH'S GROUP, IT CAN BE SAID THAT WASSIFI  
IS AN EXPERIENCED POLITICIAN WITH STRONG TIES  
TO TRIBAL AREAS, SAMAYEE IS ONE OF AFGHANISTAN'S  
MOST RESPECTED ISLAMIC LEGAL SCHOLARS, AND  
OMAR IS AN ABLE TECHNOCRAT. WE WILL OF COURSE  
REPORT MORE AS WE LEARN MORE.  
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